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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

I. REVIEW OF THE ACADEMY'S ACTIVITIES

The gravity of the domestic and international problems confronting the country demonstrates clearly, if further demonstration work were necessary, the importance of the service which an organization such as the Academy is called upon to perform. The international situation confronting the country is in many respects so novel, involving so many problems which have heretofore been far from the sphere of thought of the American people, that it is a matter of vital importance that these questions be subjected to the most careful and searching scrutiny, and that the best thought on the subject be made available to the people of the country. Vital as our present international problems are, they are hardly less important than the new domestic questions which the country is called upon to solve. While these questions have in some respects been rendered more acute by reason of the great war, they would have demanded early solution even if the war had not taken place.

An organization such as the Academy cannot take its mission too seriously; in fact, while the Academy is one of a large group of national associations, devoting exclusive attention to the consideration of the great public questions confronting the country, it can easily lay claim to being the leader among these organizations, owing to its breadth of scope and to the fact that it enjoys the coöperation of so large a number of scientists and thinkers in foreign countries. I am sometimes inclined to doubt whether the members of the Academy fully realize the difficulty and delicacy of the task confronting our editorial council. They must attempt to foresee the questions which will be in the foreground of public attention one and even two years hence, in order that the members of the Academy may have before them the best thought on the subject which the nation is called upon to face. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. King and to his associates on the council for the extraordinary efficiency and foresight they have shown in the conduct of the Academy's publication work.

During the past year we again have had requests from a number of our members to undertake the organization of local centers in different parts of the United States. Your Board has called attention to this question on several occasions and feels that it is only a question of time when the Academy will have to undertake such a plan. This will involve a far more elaborate organization than we have at the present time and will add very greatly to the responsibilities of those directing the Academy's work.

Your Board again desires to call attention to the pressing needs of an Endowment Fund, which will enable the Academy to conduct investigations on a much larger scale than has heretofore been possible and will also enable us to secure the Academy building of which we stand in such great need.

II. Publications

During the year 1916 the Academy has published a series of volumes which have brought together the best thought of the country on the important problems with which these volumes deal:

January-National Industries and the Federal Government

March—Public Administration and Partisan Politics

May—Personnel and Employment Problems in Industrial Management

July-Preparedness and America's International Program

September—New Possibilities in Education

November—America's Changing Investment Market

III. MEETINGS

During the year 1916 the Academy has held the following meetings:

January 29—Some Aspects of the Present Situation in China February 19—Transformation of Rural Ireland

Social Work in Ireland

April 28-29 (20th Annual Meeting)—What Program shall the United States stand for in International Relations?

November 10—The Purposes and Ideals of the Mexican Revolution

December 16—The Real Significance of Preparedness

IV. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Academy on the 31st of December, 1915, was 5,866, with a subscription list of 924. Of the 5,866 members, 1,328 are residents of Philadelphia, 4,291 of the United States outside of Philadelphia, and 247 foreign. Of the 924 subscribers, 4 are from Philadelphia, 833 from the United States outside of Philadelphia and 87 from foreign countries. Compared with the membership on the 31st of December, 1915, we find that in the Philadelphia membership there is a gain of 109, in the membership in the United States outside of Philadelphia 220, and in the foreign membership 15, or a total gain of 344. In the subscription list there is a gain of 52 in the United States outside of Philadelphia and in the foreign subscriptions 12, or a total gain of 64. The total gain during the year 1916 in the combined membership and subscriptions lists is 408.

During the year the Academy has lost through death 56 of its members, two of whom were life members.

Foreign

Felipe Barreda y Osma Arthur Orlando

Ramon Ribeyro

Philadelphia

Joshua L. Baily
Clarence L. Butler
Mrs. Herbert Cassard
Henry T. Dechert
Abraham Gruber
William H. Heisler
E. Smith Kelly

M. L. Kohler
David P. Leas
A. B. Loeb
John Pitcairn
Joseph Richardson
S. Ashton Souder
Milton C. Stein

Outside

Wirt Adams
J. H. Brock
Massena Bullard
B. F. Burwell

*J. D. Casasus
Thomas J. Conaty

*Eckley Brinton Coxe, Jr.

M. Lasker
C. A. Locke
Seth Low
E. P. Marshall
Charles F. Mills
Mrs. Susan L. Mills
Rufus J. Palen

^{*} Life member.

Boyd Crumrine
J. A. DeBoer
Sylvester C. Dunham
Frederick H. Eaton
William Seymour Edwards
Isaac Henry Ford
Eliseo Giberga
John Hopewell
Michael Jenkins
David Kay
Edward Kent

Miss Elizabeth G. King

J. Langeloth

John E. Parsons
J. A. Patten
Norman B. Ream
Walter P. Stokes
Frank J. Symmes
Henry H. Truman
J. F. Vaile
E. P. Wenger
Gustav R. Westfeldt
Horace White
Elbert Wing
P. B. Worrall

The death of these members has deprived the Academy of some very warm friends and enthusiastic workers.

During the year the Academy has lost by resignation 457 of its members and 27 subscribers, while 857 members and 91 subscribers have been added to the list.

In addition to the resignations and deaths, there are being held for two years to December 31, 1915, 212 members for non-payment of membership dues. This would further reduce the membership to 5,354, and make the total gain in membership 132.

V. FINANCIAL CONDITION

The receipts and expenditures of the Academy for the fiscal year just ended are clearly set forth in the Treasurer's report. The accounts were submitted to Messrs. E. P. Moxey and Company for audit and a copy of their statement is appended herewith.

In order to lighten the burden of expense incident to the Annual Meeting a special fund of \$1,400 was raised. The Board takes this opportunity to express its gratitude to the contributors to this fund.

Conclusion

One of the purposes which your Board has constantly kept in mind has been to bring our members into closer relations with one another. Through such close relationship the Academy can greatly strengthen its national influence. Our members, both in this country and abroad, should be made to feel that they are, in a sense, representatives of the Academy and fully to discharge their obligations toward the Academy should make themselves centers of Academy influence. We must build up a great coöperative organization for the education of public opinion. With each year we are coming nearer to this goal but we can only reach it through the devotion and enthusiasm of our members.

Your Board desires to take this opportunity to express deep appreciation and gratitude to that increasing body of Academy members, who are giving so much time and thought to the work of our organization.

January 11, 1917.

CHARLES J. RHOADS, ESQ., TREAS.,

American Academy of Political & Social Science, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:—We herewith report that we have audited the books and accounts of the American Academy of Political & Social Science for its fiscal year ended December 31, 1916.

We have prepared and submit herewith statement of receipts and disbursements during the above indicated period, together with statement of assets as at December 31, 1916.

The receipts from all sources were verified by a comparison of the entries for same appearing in the Treasurer's cash book with the record of bank deposits and were found to be in accord therewith.

The disbursements, as shown by the cash book, were supported by proper vouchers. These vouchers were in the form of cancelled paid checks or receipts for moneys expended. These were examined by us and verified the correctness of the payments made.

The investment securities listed in the statement of assets were examined by us and were found to be correct and in accord with the books.

As the result of our audit and examination we certify that the statements submitted herewith are true and correct.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD P. MOXEY & Co.,

Certified Public Accountants.

Balance Cash on Hand January 1, 1916	•••••	•••••	\$5,594.10
Recei	pts		
Annual Subscriptions		\$24,388.23 400.00	
Life Membership,		1,493.00	
Subscriptions to Publications		4,082.65	
Sales of Publications		4,388.23	
Income from Investments		4,043.75	
Interest on Deposit		139.07	
Miscellaneous Receipts		184.02	
Exchange of Securities		150.00	39,268.95
Total Receipts			\$44, 863.05
Disburse	ments		
Office Expense:			
Office Salaries	\$4,439.75		
Supplies, Repairs and Rental	295.98		
Stationery and Printing	266.10		
Telephone and Telegraph	85.37		
Postage	537.87		
Freight, Express and Carfares	8.21		
General Expense	109.52	\$5,742 .80	
Philadelphia Meetings:			
Salaries	\$110.00		
Hall Rents	510.00		
Stationery Supplies, Engr. and Printing	776.58		
Clerical Services	67.03		
Expense of Speakers	625.23		
Postage	289.89		
Telephone and Telegraph	30.15		
Carfare, Newspapers and Sundries	6.73	2,415.61	
Publicity Expense:			
Salaries	\$1,340.68		
Pamphlets, Cards and Advertising	496.34		
Postage	498.06		
Stationery and Repairs	321.55	2,656.63	
Publication of Annals:			
Salaries	\$ 3,483.10		
Printing	10,297.17		
Reprints	1,019.51		
Binding	681.90		
Postage	1,322.18		

Stationer Carfare, Telephor	ing	\$312.90 856.24 177.93 108.43 62.69	18,322.05		
Investments Purchased		\$9,855.00 15.63	9,870.63	39,007.72	
Balance December 31, 1916				\$5,855.33	
	Asset	rs			
	Investm	onto			
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\$5,000.00	Baldwin Locomotive Works 1st Mtg. 5's—1940—M. & N			\$4,975.00	
10,000.00					
5,000.00					
5,000.00					
5,000.00 City of Macon, Ga				5,000.00	
5,000.00	4,801.25				
Deb. 4's—1928—M. & S. 5,000.00 Lehigh Valley Transit Co					
3,000.00					
3,500.00					
5,000.00 New York and Erie Railway					
4,000.00	4,000.00 New York and Erie Railway			3,955.00	
5,000.00	•			4,640.00	
3,000.00				3,000.00	
3,000.00					
3,000.00	Cons. 1st Mtg. 5's—1947—J St. Louis & Merchants Bridge	Co		3,000.00	
3,000.00	1st Mtg. 6's—1929—F. & A. St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Ry Gen'l. Mtg. Land Grant 5's—1931—A. & O.				

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5,000.00 West Chester Lighting Co 1st Mtg. 5's—1950—J. & D.	\$5,000.00
5,000.00 William Cramp Ship & Engine B 1st Mtg. 5's—1929—M. & S.	6ldg. Co 5,000.00
5,000.00 New York Connecting R. R 1st Mtg. 4½'s, Ser. A—1953—F	•
5,000.00 Chicago Union Station Company 1st Mtg. 4½'s—1963—J. & J.	4,987.50
5,000.00 Cambria & Indiana R. R	,
Cash:	\$95,505.77
	4000 00
In Academy Office	\$200.00
In Treasurer's Hands:	
Centennial National Bank	200.00
Girard Trust Company	5,455.33 5,855.33
	\$101,361 . 10

LIABILITIES

None